

## South Dakota State Capitol Hours

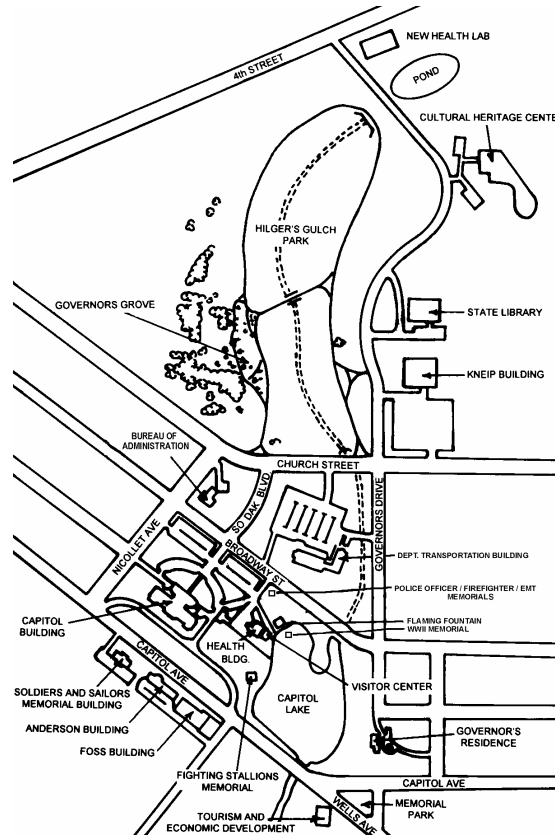
The Capitol is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. and weekends and holidays from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Visitors will need to use the north entrance on weekends and after normal business hours.

From the first day of Christmas at the Capitol (the Wednesday before Thanksgiving) through the last day of Legislative Session, the Capitol is open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Guided tours are available upon request. Tours are given by volunteer tour guides, and must be scheduled as far in advance as possible. Call the Tour Guide office in advance to schedule guided tours at 605-773-3765.

You are welcome to tour the Capitol at your leisure using our *Self-Guided Tour Script of South Dakota State Capitol Building*. The script can be found in the annex near the north entrance to the Capitol, or on the second floor near the front doors.

## The South Dakota Capitol Complex



For additional information, please contact the tour office at 605-773-3765.

## A Guide for Visitors with Disabilities



### **SOUTH DAKOTA STATE CAPITOL**

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Buildings and Grounds Office  
500 East Capitol Avenue  
Pierre, SD 57501-5070  
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## **Welcome to the South Dakota State Capitol**

We hope this brochure will help you plan a successful visit to our beautiful, historic Capitol building. We are very proud of our beautifully restored Capitol, but we do realize that historic buildings do impose certain restrictions. We have tried to make the building as accessible as possible, but please let us know if there is anything more we can do.

### **Visitors with Limited Mobility Entrances and Parking**

**Visitors:** The parking lot off of Nicolet Avenue (adjacent to the west wing of the Capitol) is restricted to vehicles with a handicapped permit appropriately displayed. A curb ramp provides access from the parking area to the sidewalk. The automatic doors are sensor activated. If the doors do not open automatically (during off-hours or during certain weather conditions), visitors are requested to press the button located to the right of the door to summon assistance. Once inside, an elevator is at the end of the hall and to the right.

**Bus Groups:** Busses with passengers in wheelchairs should on- and off-load entire groups at the west entrance.

The busses should then park on the street. Arrangements for tour guides to meet the group here may be made at the time of the tour reservation.

**Self-guided tour booklets** can be found at the north entrance to the building or in the Rotunda area (2<sup>nd</sup> floor) near the front doors.

### **Visitors With Visual Impairment**

#### **K-9 Companion / Guide Dogs**

Licensed Guide Dogs are welcome in the Capitol and on tours.

### **Visitors With Hearing Impairment**

#### **Telephone**

TDD/TTY telephones can be found in the following offices:

Legislative Research Council  
3<sup>rd</sup> floor, West Annex wing  
Office: (605) 773-3251  
TDD/TTY: **(605) 773-4305**

Bureau of Personnel  
1<sup>st</sup> floor, West Annex wing  
Office: (605) 773-3148  
TDD/TTY: **(605) 773-6957**

## **The Capitol Building**

### **Wheelchairs**

Wheelchairs are available to use free of charge while in the Capitol. The wheelchairs are located inside the west Limited Mobility Entrance. Visitors are asked to return to wheelchairs to this area when finished using them so that others may find them readily available.

### **Rest Rooms**

The following directions are for the east (House side) elevator near the Rotunda area, not the elevator in the Annex.

**Women's:** Take the east (House side) elevator to the basement. Upon exiting, take two right turns. The restroom is to the left of the Capitol Café entrance.

**Men's:** Take the east (House side) elevator to the basement. Proceed straight ahead and then turn left. The restroom is the first door on your left.

### **Drinking Fountains**

Drinking fountains are located on each floor in the Annex, which is the addition on the north side of the Capitol building.

### **Telephone**

Accessible phones are located on 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, near the Senate entrance.